

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Planning Grant – Little Earth of United Tribes

Ways and Means Committee

November 2, 2015

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Goal

- Improve community safety through:
 - Community engagement, building on community assets
 - Analyze underlying drivers of crime and assess needs and available resources
 - Develop a strategy that offers a continuum of approaches to address the drivers of crime, including not only enforcement, but prevention, intervention, and revitalization strategies

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program Overview

- U.S. Department of Justice program
 - Part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative to change neighborhoods of distress to neighborhoods of opportunity
 - Planning grant: only 15 awarded across the nation



Little Earth

- Unique in the nation, Native American preference public housing community
- 9.4 acres
- Over 1,000 residents/ half are younger than 21
- Represents members of over 30 tribal nations
- Nationally recognized leader in innovative services and education to the American Indian community

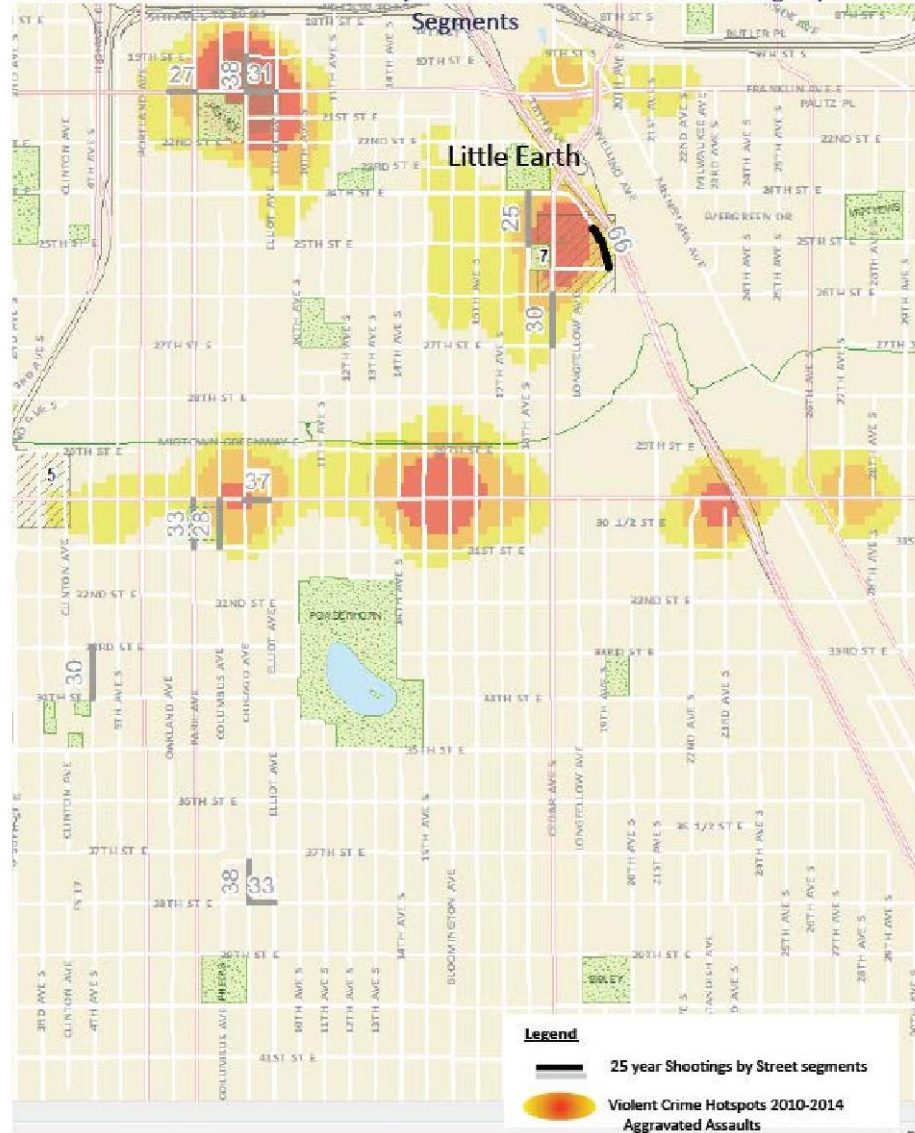


Little Earth Challenges: Crime

- Persistent violent crime:
 - 17 shootings in 2014
 - 151 gang contacts with police in 2014
- Heroin epidemic
 - 8 opioid related deaths in 1 year
 - Frequent overdoses
- Domestic Violence
- Growing awareness of Juvenile Sex Trafficking

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Minneapolis Police Department ~ Crime Analysis Unit
Third Precinct Violent Crime Hot Spots 2010 - 14 & 25 Years Shootings by Street



Little Earth Challenges

- Multi-generational poverty
- Marginalization due to centuries of historical and cultural trauma
- Trauma from repeated exposure to violence
- Acceptance of crime/ low expectations
- Lack of trust in law enforcement



Little Earth Community Strengths

- Resiliency
- Cultural traditions: Residents are members of 37 tribal nations
- Strong partnerships between public agencies and Little Earth leadership
- Native American community agencies



Already in Place

- Court Watch
- Domestic Abuse Advocacy
- Omniciye Program – Hennepin County
- Little Earth invests \$250,000 per year in community safety

What's working/ What's not and Why/ Community Engagement

The Grant:

- Award of \$155,522
- 18 Months
- Place-based cross-sector partnership
- Funding for a Little Earth community safety champion and community education coordinator
- Little Earth – ownership of the research data

